



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of)
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RICKY J. VANSETERS)
Serial No.: 10/676,757)
Filed: October 1, 2003)
Confirmation No.: 7881)
Customer No.: 24045)
For: PILOT OPERATED VALVE)
WITH VARIABLE PISTON)
ORIFICE)

Group Art Unit 3753

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2005, Applicant(s), through their attorney, respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.